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"PAY" DREAMS OF THE PROSPECTOR

Quite a number of authorities claim that "gold grows," and many mining men claim that the statement is a correct one, although there is a great diversity of opinion on this subject among those who claim to be posted on geological matters and the chemical and physical conditions which result in the deposition of the precious metals in veins and fissures. We leave this matter for their consideration, and will take up the consideration of the growth of the pay streak—of the new found deposit of rich ore which, from one to two inches, attains the magnificent size of two or four feet in a week, in a month and always during the absence of its owner.

More than one instance can be cited in the West where a prospector in developing his claim, has uncovered a small seam of rich ore in its workings. Trembling with excitement he gathers picked samples from the new find and starts for the nearest town with his treasures. Before going a mile the pay streak has widened from one to four inches (in his mind). By noon his little bonanza find has widened to six inches. He is fully satisfied that this is true. Arriving at his destination he shows his samples to his friends and tells them that the pay streak is a foot in width. By morning he has two feet of this class and character of ore. His friends are enthusiastic over his find which by night has gained in dimensions so that a yard stick could hardly take in its magnitude—to make a showing in the morning of four feet or more.

The prospector is happy and he firmly believes the story that he is telling. And some of his acquaintances believe him, and, to such an extent that they are willing to pay him a fancy figure for a share in his find. Finally the deal is consummated. The new co-owners, with provisions and supplies, leave for the scene of the new strike. On the way back the prospector begins to feel troubled. Suppose the vein is not quite so wide as he has stated, and if this is the case, what will his friends say. Before reaching the mine he does not seem to feel as cheerful as when he set out, and he begins to lag behind the party; and as the portal of the short tunnel is approached he feels a tugging at his throat. His knees feel shaky and he notices a pain in the region of his heart. His illusions have flown one by one and he knows that he is now face to face with the reality of cold facts. If he were 100 miles away he would feel much better, and realizes fully the dreadful mistake he has made when his companions enter the tunnel and find that his fourfoot vein of high grade ore has dwindled down to one inch. Their wrath and fury is not abated in the least when he ventures the feeble explanation that he thought it was so.

As a matter of fact, the prospector was really honest in his beliefs. He was not a natural born liar, and he had no real intention of deceiving his friends. His action was a natural one. The wish was the father of his thought, and it was as natural for him to exaggerate his possession as it is for every mining man to pick out the very choicest specimen in his mine to show to his friends; and there are men who judge the value of a mine from picked specimens in their possession.

There is an overwhelming demand in this Western country for good mines and prospects, but the demand exceeds the supply. Experts, in the employ of capitalists, of syndicates, are daily scouring the country for bonanzas—and many are found,—in a majority of cases, upon careful and intelligent examination of

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Monday night C. L. Burge, Superintendent of the Lillian B. mines at Sulphide was accidentally shot in the left eye and how he escaped instant death is indeed a mystery. In company with L. R. Kayser, he left Hawthorne on the afternoon of last Monday. They reached camp at Sulphide about mid night. On arriving there Kayser at once set about making a fire, while Burge unhooked the team. While dragging a sack of grain from the wagon, Burge in some way also dragged a loaded pistol with it, and the supposition is that the pistol dropped to the ground striking some part of the wagon in its descent. However, the gun was discharged, either from the ground or near Burge's knees, as is evidenced by the course of the bullet which first passed through the lower part of a heavy storm coat, then upward through his vest taking off one of its buttons and finally entering Mr. Burge's left eye. The bullet did not pierce the eye ball but passed above it through the eye lid and under the skin, which is slightly fractured. Dr. Miteon found and extracted the bullet, and believes that if no complications arise, Mr. Burge will not only survive, but will regain the sight of the injured eye.—Hawthorne Bulletin.

CONVICT DIES IN PRISON CELL

Robert Jerome Gunn, an inmate of the State Prison, having been sent from Washoe County for burglary several years ago, died at the State Prison yesterday morning after a lengthy illness of cancer of the stomach. His relatives have been notified in San Francisco and the body will be turned over to them if desired by them if not he will be buried in the prison cemetery.—Carson News.

THE FESTIVE PEANUT

It may have been due to the increase in the number of peanut-eating fans at the baseball games, or it may have been of the more extensive demands of the confectioner, but the fact is the imports of peanuts to the United States for the year 1910 assumed unprecedented proportions. United States Consul General Gaulin at Marseilles, France where great quantities of peanuts are raised, reports to the department of commerce and labor that peanut exports to the United States for the year 1910 rose in value from the comparatively insignificant total of \$8773 in 1909 to \$571,569. Large purchases of peanut oil by Americans were also recorded and the trade was the briskest in years.

reported new finds of fabulous wealth it is found that they exist only in the imagination of the hard working but too enthusiastic prospector.

But we forgive him. It is his failing—a fault that creeps out in transactions in every line of business, in almost every industry. He is no more than human, and there is no doubt but that, in the end, he will give to the world a new source of wealth—a paystreak that will grow until it has poured its millions into the channels of trade and commerce.—Salt Lake Mining Review.

The Lesser of Two Evils.
"He keeps his phonograph going all the time when he's at home."
"I should think he'd get tired of that."

"He says it's the only way he can drown his wife's voice."
"One is an bad as the other."
"Not quite. The phonograph doesn't all him hard names."

Uncommon.
Common sense, so-called, is not of a truth common sense. For men with common sense, you'll find. Are most uncommon gentles.

TO REDUCE RUNNING TIME OF PASSENGER TRAINS

A report from Salt Lake is that the Western Pacific will reduce the running time of its passenger trains between that city and San Francisco at an early date. Passenger service on the road will not be resumed until the roadbed in the Feather River canyon is placed in perfect condition. It is expected that the repairs to the damaged roadbed will be completed so that the running of passenger trains can be resumed the early part of next week.—Humboldt Star.

PROSPECTORS GETTING BUSY

Down in the extreme southeastern corner of Nevada a company of New York capitalists are busy excavating and boring with the object of uncovering a deposit of potash that will render this country independent of Germany and Austria. These latter countries practically control the potash deposits of the world for they exist in such enormous quantities that they can be mined and shipped at a fraction of what it would cost other countries to produce.

Should Nevada come to the front with one good mine it will stimulate researches that may bring other similar deposits to the attention of capitalists. In the present instance exploration work is progressing in Clark county, not far from Las Vegas, on a tract of land that abuts on the Clark railroad, which would mean cheap transportation. The men who are backing the proposition realize that unless they strike a steamshovel proposition they cannot hope to compete with the cheap carriage of the foreign country, and are going ahead with systematic development.

The most common use of potash is a fertilizer to restore old farm lands that have been robbed of their most nutritive qualities by the reckless and improvident methods that have obtained until recently. One of the best buyers of potash is the grower of citrus fruits in southern California who finds it necessary to keep constantly returning to the soil some of the elements that add to his revenue.

The United States geological survey issued a pamphlet expressing the belief that large deposits would eventually be found in the arid country which is so rich in other industrial minerals. This bureau of the Interior, department has been hampered by constantly diminishing appropriations which curtail the usefulness of the division or the work of prospecting for potash would have received much greater stimulus than it has.

If congress provides the funds a thorough exploration will be made. Nevada is rich in saline lands while the eastern end of Inyo county, California, abounds with borax, nitre, soda and phosphate beds.—Goldfield Tribune.

ADIOS TWENTY-FIFTH

The king is dead; long live the king! Same to the twenty-fifth session of the assembly of the state of Nevada. Today is the last offense of that body, which dies with the stroke of 12 tonight. Peace to its useless ashes! Legislatures will come and go in the future as they have in the past, but No. 25 of the assembly may rest assured that never will there be another that will accomplish less. It would be impossible.—Tonopah Bonanza.

Not All for Nothing.
"Duke, I'm sorry," said the millionaire, "but my daughter can't marry you."
"Then I have loved in vain?"
"Not wholly, duke. Here's \$50 for you."

Despotic Habit.
Habit is the deepest law of human nature.—Carlyle.

SOME QUEER LAWS

According to the following from the Carson News, the criminal code prepared by the supreme court and passed by the legislature contains some queer laws:

Ladies beware; ladies take care. Section 564 of the new Crimes and Punishments Act reads "No person shall, while upon public street or any public conveyance street car, train or elevator or in any other public place wear a hatpin or similar article, the exposed point of which shall protrude more than one-half inch beyond the crown or other portion of the hat upon, in or through which such pin or similar article is worn unless said exposed point of the hat pin or other similar article shall be so guarded by device or otherwise as to render contact with it free from danger. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor."

There is an exception to this law and is found in the next section and reads as follows: The preceding section shall not apply to any hatpin or similar article, the dangerous end of which is not exposed to view on public streets or in public places.

Sec. 569 makes it a misdemeanor for any one to walk on the grass in the capitol grounds and for this the guilty person may be fined five hundred dollars and six months in the county jail.

The same section makes it a penalty for any one to leave any idle vehicles within forty feet of the capitol fence and the failure to comply with the same means the above mentioned punishment. Raycraft Stables will probably be out with a tape line at once hunting the forty foot line.

Section 508 makes it a misdemeanor to ride or drive or cause to be ridden or driven, any animal, vehicle or other thing upon a sidewalk. The penalty is a fine of twenty dollars. This means don't ride your bike upon the sidewalk.

Section 508 is aimed directly at the dog poisoner and makes it a misdemeanor to poison any dog and the penalty is six months in the county jail and a fine of five hundred dollars.

It is a misdemeanor to go through any gate or bars and not close them after you.

It is a misdemeanor to wear the badge or insignia of any lodge of which you are not a member.

It is a misdemeanor to steal a dog and it is likewise a crime to take care of a stolen dog for another person.

It is a misdemeanor to point any firearms of any kind, whether loaded or not, at any human being.

No child under fourteen years of age shall handle or have in his possession any firearm of any kind for hunting or target practice unless under immediate charge of his parent.

Section 343 places a ban on playing baseball in the state on Sunday unless said game is played by deaf and dumb players. It reads "Every person, who on a Sunday, shall promote or engage in any noisy or boisterous sport or amusement which disturbs the peace of the day, or shall keep open any race grounds shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

It is unlawful to sell horse meat unless the purchaser is informed as to its nature.

Section 237 makes it unlawful to sell or give any cigarettes or tobacco to any minor under 21 years of age unless upon the written order of his or her parent or guardian.

It is against the law to "nit the pipe."

It is a misdemeanor for any man to fail to support his wife and minor children.

It is against the law to advertise for divorce business.

It is a felony to attempt suicide and not make a successful job of it.

Superiority of the Right Ear.
While as a rule, hear better with the right than with left ear.

PLATINUM IS MORE COSTLY THAN GOLD

Platinum which now is far more costly than gold has been advancing rapidly in price in the last few weeks. It is quoted in Maiden Lane at \$43 an ounce for the hard platinum and \$41 an ounce for the soft metal. These are the highest prices ever reached and indicate an advantage of about \$10 an ounce in the last six months.

The present upward movement was nearly equaled several years ago.

In 1905 pure platinum was selling at \$18.50, with only a languid demand. Early in 1906 the sale began to increase and prices steadily advanced until in December of that year pure platinum was selling at \$38 an ounce and hard platinum touched \$40. Then a decline started and continued until 1908 when the price declined to less than \$20 an ounce. The present upward movement started soon afterward.

The production of platinum in this country is small, for all that is obtained come as a by-product in working the gold placers of California and Oregon.

The chief source of supply is the Ural mountains, in Russia, but some is also obtained from South America and Canada.

BROUGHT THE TEARS

An unusual incident marked a recent fire in New York. The fire started in the cellar of a five-story tenement and before it was extinguished the 18 families in the building and all the firemen were weeping copiously from inflamed eyes. In the cellar many bags of onions had been stored. The chief fireman allowed the tenants to remain in the building, assuring them that the fire was confined to the cellar. They did not stay, however, when the onions had got well afire.

ORIGIN OF AN EXPRESSION

We frequently hear the expression, "If the court knows itself and it thinks it does," but few people are aware of the origin thereof.

The individual who gave birth to it was a Pike county Missourian named Blackburn who flourished in the west many years ago. Blackburn ran away from home when he was a mere boy and sought his fortune in the west, where he grew to manhood as an Indian fighter, hunter, trapper and mountain guide. Although not an educated man he was possessed of great acumen to which was united a keen wit. When gold was discovered in California, Blackburn was one of the first to proceed thither.

The miners as a sort of joke elected him alcalde an office that combined the duties of mayor and justice of the peace. The first case coming before the new alcalde as that of a gambler who while drunk had ridden his horse over a young Mexican woman. She was seriously injured.

The trial took place in the largest cabin in the neighborhood. The gambler, who was rich, had retained able counsel to defend him. Alacalde Blackburn called the young woman to the witness stand.

She told a straight-forward, honest story. When she had finished the alcalde peremptorily ended the trial. The attorney for the defendant protested vigorously, but the alcalde disposed of his protest thus: "If this court knows herself, and she thinks she do, I fine you \$500 damages and assess upon you the cost of putting this young woman in good condition."

When asked what he meant by "good condition," the alcalde replied that the gambler must pay the doctor's bills and all other costs of the young woman's sickness.—Exchange.

CARING FOR "LAME DUCKS"

The following Washington dispatch tells how President Taft is caring for the men the people repudiated at the polls last year:

Government by "lame ducks" is one of the important Taft policies.

A "lame duck" is a man who has served in congress, but who was forced or permitted to retire to private life as a result of failing to please the people while in office.

President Taft believes that simply because the people have repudiated a man at the polls is not a good argument why he should not be permitted to continue to draw a salary from the public treasury.

This theory is a sister policy to the Taft idea that if a Republican member of congress does not vote for a bill recommended by the president, no matter whether he believes it a good or bad measure, he is no longer a "republican," and is not entitled to his duly apportioned amount of patronage.

The 61st congress has not been dead two weeks yet five of the former congressmen have been provided for and more appointments are anticipated. It is tacitly understood that while on the payroll these lame duck appointees will work for the re-nomination of Taft.

Then, too, some of the retiring apostles are automatically cared for. Those on the monetary commission are instances. They will serve on whether they have a seat in congress or not. Senator Aldrich is still in the government service as the head of the monetary commission, and has the privilege of spending as much money as is desired without further authority from congress or anyone else.

First of the Republican appointments was that of former Representative Duncan McKinley of California. McKinley was a candidate for re-nomination. The voters in his district went to the polls and declared themselves against his continuance in office.

This was a shock to Mr. McKinley. He had received so much easy money from the government he was loath to retire. He appealed to the president. McKinley had served the Southern Pacific railroad faithfully while in congress. The Southern Pacific was one of the big interests that worked to have Mr. Taft nominated and elected. So Mr. Kinley was given a good-paying position with the government at the port of San Francisco. He will give some of his time to government affairs, but a great deal more of it to lining up western delegates to the next Republican convention for Taft.

The president has appointed former Representative Boutell of Chicago as minister to Portugal. Boutell was repudiated by the people on Nov. 8 because his record in congress showed him to be a special privilege server.

Then Mr. Taft placed Senator Warner of Missouri whose term expired on March 4, upon the board of ordinance and fortifications as the civilian member of that body. This is worth \$3,500 a year. Warner's principal duty will be to deliver the Missouri delegation to Taft.

The Canadian boundary committee has furnished berths for three more Taft boomers and lame ducks. A lot of people had forgot that there was such a board until one day it became known that former Senator Carter of Montana and former Representative, Denby of Michigan had been requested to serve thereon. Tawney of Minnesota and Hull of Iowa will also be placed so they can draw money from the public treasury while bringing about Mr. Taft's re-nomination.

Only a Temporary Advantage.
The gift of good looks is of such primary advantage to every man, that it seems a wonder how ugly people manage so frequently to excel those who have it in the battle of life.—Payne.

DEATH VALLEY NITER BEDS ARE LOCATED

Immense filings of nitre have been made by a syndicate in the Death Valley section. Last week the locations covered almost 5,000 acres and this week over 7,000 additional acres were located the total locations cover an area of 11,840 acres. The nitre beds just discovered lie in the region of Owl Hole springs. Last week the locators leased their locations to a wealthy syndicate. Under the terms of that lease they are to receive \$5 per year rental for each claim for fifty years and the syndicate promises to do \$100 worth of development work each year. This insures the locators and owners a neat income besides assuring a systematic development of the property. Their new locations lie within a short distance of the leased ground. The entire country is said to abound in a high grade nitre, and its shipment to the coast is said to mean fortunes for the lucky owners. Nitre is valuable as a fertilizer, selling at \$90 per ton.—Exchange.

DROWNED AT PALISADE

A Palisade dispatch of the 19th to the Reno Journal says:

Within ten feet from solid land and life, The bold Lukos a Greek laborer was swept to death this afternoon within sight of a group of his fellow laborers, drowning in the Humboldt after battling across the stream on a frail raft aided only by a slim protection afforded by a wire guy rope strung across the stream.

Excited efforts to save him were futile, and even his body could not be recovered from the rushing stream which has become a torrent due to the floods above. Dynamite has been resorted to through the day in the hope of raising the body, but without success.

Lukos desired to cross the river at a point where no bridge was near. His companions endeavored to persuade him to go down stream to the bridge, but he declared that he could make it on the improvised ferry that is frequently used when the water is low and the current safe. He set out despite fears and managed to keep the raft balanced against the swift current by bracing himself against the wire. When he got within ten feet of the opposite side, however, the current eddied around a rock and in bracing against the wire he forgot his footing, and stepped off the center. The raft overturned and shot down the stream with Lukos grasping frantically at the wire. He sunk in the torrent holding on to the wire, but the current was too strong and jerked him down to his death in an instant.

REMARKS BY THE CHILDREN

Some amusing remarks by children are told by Mrs. Bull (London). A little girl of three and one-half years defined a wedding as "It's when a lady goes into church with a curtain on her head and comes out with a man."

Another little girl remarked to her grandpa that her doll was stuffed with sawdust. Grandpa asked: "And what are you stuffed with, Dorothy?" whereupon this age of three replied: "I don't know. God stuffed me."

Another little girl was talking about her Sunday school lesson and the two Johns of whom her teacher had told her. "There was John the Baptist," she repeated, and John the beloved disciple. "There were three," her younger sister gravely corrected. "You don't name John Bull."

A Fool Rushed In.
She might have known
She would get hurt,
Tennis!
In a hobble skirt!